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In re Application of: )  
Paul J. RUTHVEN et al. ) Group Art Unit: 1772  
Serial No.: 10/036,770 ) Examiner: P. Nordmeyer  
Filed: December 21, 2001 )  
For: AN APPARATUS AND METHOD )  
FOR DEGRADING A WEB IN THE )  
MACHINE DIRECTION WHILE )  
PRESERVING CROSS-MACHINE )  
DIRECTION STRENGTH )

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Commissioner for Patents and Trademarks  
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Sir:

**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

In a restriction requirement dated March 24, 2003, the Examiner required  
restriction under 35 U.S.C. § 121 between:

Group I - Claims 1-68 and 113, drawn to an embossing system for embossing  
and perforating; classified in class 101, subclass 22;

Group II - Claims 69-103 and 112, drawn to a method for embossing and  
perforating at least a portion of a web, classified in class 162, subclass 100; and

Group III - Claims 104-111, drawn to a perforate embossed web, classified in  
class 428, subclass 131.

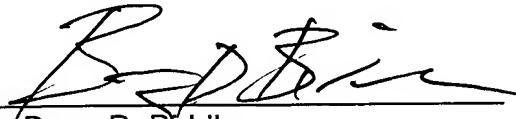
Applicants provisionally elect to prosecute Group II, Claims 69-103 and 112, drawn to a method for embossing and perforating at least a portion of a web, classified in class 162, subclass 100, without traverse.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to our Deposit Account 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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